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WITH RATE SYNCHRONIZATION  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner:

Page 1, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to insert the following:

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" insert the following paragraph:

This application contains subject matter that is related to co-pending patent Application No. 09/639,527, filed August 16, 2000; co-pending patent Application No. 09/493,458, filed January 28, 2000; co-pending patent Application No. 09/643,920, filed August 23, 2000; co-pending patent Application No. 09/692,554, filed October 19, 2000; co-pending patent Application No. 09/644,586, filed August 23, 2000; co-pending patent Application No. 09/643,921, filed August 23, 2000; co-pending patent Application No. 09/653,261, filed August 31, 2000; co-